(b) The Chairmen and Managing Directors of the nationalised banks are appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Nationalised Banks (Management and Miscellaneous Provisions) Schemes, 1970 and 1980. These Schemes provide that the Chairmen and Managing Directors of nationalised banks shall be eligible for re-appointment. Decision in each case of re-appointment of a Chairman and Managing Director is taken after a careful consideration of all relevant factors, including the performance of the bank concerned under his stewardship.

Review of safety measures in nuclear power plants

1950. DR. H.P. SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question No. 955 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 13th November, 1986 and to state:

(a) whether the task force set up by Government to review the safety measures and performance of the nuclear power plants, especially after the Chernobyl disaster has since submitted its report;

(b) if so, what are its main findings;

(c) what specific new measures Government propose to take in this regard;

(d) whether Government have contacted the USSR and sought information to ward off the likelihood of such an accident in this country; and

(e) what are the implications of such additional measures in terms of cost of money and delay in implementation of the projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) A draft report prepared by the Task Force is ready. It has been found that a Chernobyl type nuclear accident is not considered a possibility in our nuclear power plants.

(c) No new major measures are considered necessary. However, additional measures to further improve and strengthen the safety culture in the operation and maintenance practices are being considered.

(d) All information made available by the USSR, at meetings held in Vienna, under the auspices of the International Atomic Energy Agency, has been studied by Government.

(e) Additional measures that are being considered are not expected to have significant implications in terms of cost or in the schedules of implementaiion of the projects.

Launching of satellites during the Seventh Five-Year Plan period

1951. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the programmes, if any, drawn up to build and launch more satellites during the current five year plan period;

(b) whether the launching stations are also being developed in India; and

(c) if not, from which countries the Indian satellites are proposed to be launched?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN): (a) The main thrust in the Seventh Five Year Plan